

**WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 23, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”) Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at Sparks Council Chambers, Legislative Building, 745 Fourth Street, Sparks, Nevada.

**1. Roll Call and Determination of Presence of a Quorum**

Chairman Hartung called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. There was a quorum present.

<u>Commissioners Present:</u>	<u>Appointed by:</u>
Vaughn Hartung	Washoe County
Ron Smith	Truckee Meadows Water Authority (“TMWA”) (Sparks)
Donald Abbott	City of Sparks
Jeanne Herman	TMWA (Washoe County)
Neoma Jardon	TMWA (Reno)
Bob Lucey	TMWA (STMGID Successor)
Kristopher Dahir	Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (TMWRF)

<u>Commissioners Absent:</u>	<u>Appointed by:</u>
Sandra Ainsworth	Sun Valley General Improvement District (“SVGID”)
Naomi Duerr	City of Reno

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sophie Cardinal.

**3. Public Comment**

None

**4. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)**

COMMISSIONER JARDON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

**5. Approval of the Minutes of the March 21, 2018 Meeting (For Possible Action)**

COMMISSIONER SMITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 21, 2018 MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ABBOTT. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

**6. PUBLIC HEARING on the Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”) Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019; discussion and adoption of the WRWC Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019 - Jim Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources**

**Program Manager, and Chris Wessel, WRWC Water Management Planner. (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Smitherman gave a brief presentation highlighting details of the budget that was reviewed by the WRWC in March. The State budget forms included in the staff report show revenues of \$1,543,403, and expenditures of \$2,335,566. The balance of \$792,163 will come from cash reserves.

Chair Hartung asked how long we can continue to spend our reserves.

Mr. Smitherman responded to Chair Hartung stating that we can keep doing this until we spend the entire budget reserve.

Chair Hartung expressed appreciation for a number of storm water and flood related items in the budget and commented that he and Commissioner Lucey have been working with County staff on closed basin flooding issues. Commissioner Lucey said he is happy to see the budget for Localized Flooding because flooding and the movement of storm water is a frequent topic of discussion and the work they have been doing on the project with Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency ("TMRPA") to get mapping done for flood planning throughout the basin will be tremendously important, not only for both Cities and the County, but for all the residents in the area regarding how we deal with storm water in the future.

Commissioner Jardon asked about traffic flow information for the WRWC website.

Mr. Smitherman confirmed that we are tracking the traffic on the website now and will report back with results at the next WRWC meeting.

Commissioner Jardon asked about the option of rolling the website into the TMWA website and including a WRWC tab that might result in some cost savings.

Mr. Smitherman stated that he will talk to TMWA about that. Since staff is housed at the County and our overhead pays for our IT support there, a lot of our website services are already paid for. We can look into the possibility of TMWA hosting the website and see if that could result in some savings.

Commissioner Jardon stated that she believes at some point in the future the WRWC should be rolled into TMWA, which will take legislative action. .

COMMISSIONER LUCEY MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT AND CERTIFY THE WRWC FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - 2019, AND DIRECT STAFF TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF IT TO THE NEVADA TAX COMMISSION, TOGETHER WITH AN AFFIDAVIT OF PROOF OF PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

**7. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding agenda items and dates for future WRWC meetings – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)**

The next WRWC meeting is planned for June 20, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

**8. Commission Comments**

Chair Hartung read a letter of appreciation to Reno Councilman Paul McKenzie for his service on the WRWC.

*(Member Duerr present at 8:40 a.m.)*

Member Dahir introduced himself as the new WRWC trustee (representing TMWRF).

Member Duerr apologized for her tardiness, having been delayed by a family matter.

**9. Staff Comments**

Mr. Smitherman welcomed Member Dahir.

**10. Public Comment**

Sparks Mayor Geno Martini thanked member Jardon for her comments about disbanding the WRWC. He stated his opinion that it is a waste of money and has been for a long time, and he had suggested that a year-and-a-half or two years ago. He stated that everyone knows the WRWC was created by the Legislature for consolidation of TMWA's and Washoe County's water systems, and that has been done, and that it is time for this committee to go. The Commissioners don't need more meetings, and it is a waste of money and a waste of resources. He added that the 2019 Legislative session is coming up and it is not too early to start, and concluded by saying it should get done, it is time for this committee to go.

**11. Adjournment (For Possible Action)**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Christine Birmingham, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on 6-20- 2018.

  
Chair Vaughn Hartung